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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: DOUGLAS RUGG)
SERIAL NO: 09/527,066) GROUP ART UNIT
FILED: March 17, 2000) 3727
FOR: BAG FOR CARRYING A BALL) EXAMINER
JOSEPH C. MEREK)

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We respectfully request a filing date of April 4, 2005, the date of mailing the above-referenced documents, pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.10.

If any additional fees are due herein, please charge the same to Deposit Account No. 13-2515.

Respectfully submitted,



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Dear Sir:

This COMMUNICATION is responsive to a SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE
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three (3) month period for response to file a reply complying with the requirements set forth in the SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY requiring a response to be filed on or before June 1, 2005.

Comments

Applicant acknowledges and appreciates that the AMENDMENT FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.312 on October 14, 2004 was entered and that claims 2-5, 8-17, 21, 22 and 24 are allowed as rewritten in the AMENDMENT FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.312.

Applicant filed the FEE(S) TRANSMITTAL on Form PTOL-85 and submitted a check for \$715.00 paying the Issue Fee of \$685 for a Small Entity, the Publication Fee of \$0.00 and the Advance Order Fee of \$30 is enclosed herewith.

Applicant acknowledges and appreciates that the drawings filed on 01/10/2002 are accepted by the Examiner.

A careful review of Sections 4, 5, 6 and 7 of the SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY, a copy of which is identified as Exhibit A and enclosed herewith, did not contain any check marks or language indicating any further requirements to which the Applicant was required to reply.

In order to be responsive, Applicant is filing this

COMMUNICATION. If there is any outstanding requirement to which the Applicant must timely reply in order to avoid abandonment of the Application, Applicant respectfully requests that any such outstanding requirement be communicated to the Applicant.

Accordingly, Applicant verily believes that Applicant has complies with all of the known requirements and that this Application is now in condition for issuance.

For all of the above reason, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is respectfully request to issue a United States Letters Patent on this Application.

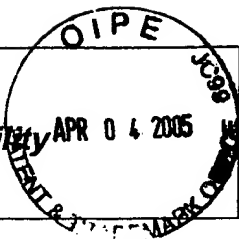
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**Supplemental
Notice of Allowability**



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Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☐ This communication is responsive to _____.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2-5, 8-17, 21, 22, and 24.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 1/10/02 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received. _____

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08);
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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